

Howard G. Buffett

Chairman & CEO



Howard G. Buffett grew up in Omaha, Nebraska, and has been active in agriculture, business, conservation, philanthropy, photography, law enforcement, and politics. He currently spends the majority of his time as Chairman and CEO of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, a private charitable foundation investing in global food security and conflict mitigation. Mr. Buffett oversees a 1,500-acre family farm in central Illinois and farms with his son in Nebraska. He oversees four foundation-operated research farms: 3,900 acres in Arizona, 4,400 acres in Illinois, 1,000 acres in Nebraska and 9,200 acres in South Africa. Mr. Buffett is a permanent resident of South Africa.

Mr. Buffett has served in a number of public positions. In 1989, he was elected to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners in Nebraska, he has served on two Office of the United States Trade Representative committees, and as Chairman of the Nebraska Ethanol Authority and Development Board. Mr. Buffett served in senior executive positions at Archer Daniels Midland Company and The GSI Group.

Mr. Buffett currently serves on the Corporate Boards of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., an investment holding company, The Coca Cola Company, the world's largest beverage company, and Lindsay Corporation, a global leader in the manufacturing of agricultural irrigation products. Mr. Buffett has served on the boards of Archer Daniels Midland, a leading global food processor, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., the largest Coca-Cola bottler in the world, ConAgra Foods, one of North America's largest food service manufacturers and retail food suppliers Agro Tech Foods, a food ingredients company in India, and Sloan Implement, a leading privately owned distributor of John Deere agricultural equipment. He serves or has served on numerous non-profit boards.

In 1997, Mr. Buffett became a member of the Commission on Presidential Debates. He has been recognized for his leadership and his contributions to agriculture, conservation, journalism and philanthropy including: in 2000, he received the Aztec Eagle Award from the President of Mexico, the highest honor bestowed on a foreign citizen by the Government of Mexico; in 2002, he was recognized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture as one of the most distinguished individuals in the field of agriculture; in 2005, he received the Will Owen Jones Distinguished Journalist of the Year Award; in 2007, he was appointed a United Nations Goodwill Ambassador Against Hunger on behalf of the World Food Programme; in 2011, Mr. Buffett was awarded the World Ecology Award, and the George McGovern Leadership Award; in 2012, he was awarded the National Farmers Union Meritorious Service to Humanity Award, the Columbia University Global Leadership Award, an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Pennsylvania State University from Pennsylvania State University, the Leader in Agriculture Award from Agriculture Future of America, and the Special Service Award from the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development; and in 2013, he received the Chairman's Award from National Geographic Society and the International Quality of Life Award from Auburn University. In 2014, he received the Norman E. Borlaug award from CIMMYT.

Mr. Buffett serves as Undersheriff and Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff in Macon County, Illinois, and on the Sheriff's Assist Team in Cochise County, Arizona. He previously served as an auxiliary deputy in Shelby County in Illinois. He has traveled to 139 countries, and authored eight books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World*. His writing has been published in periodicals including *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*. Mr. Buffett is the executive producer of *Virunga*, an award-winning and Academy Award-nominated documentary about Africa's oldest national park.